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PAINT CREEK PROJECT USDA Forest Service Cherokee National Forest Unaka Ranger District Greene County, Tennessee Opportunity to Object to the draft decision regarding the Paint Creek Project The Unaka Ranger District of the Cherokee National Forest has prepared an Environmental Assessment, draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Paint Creek Project. The alternative chosen to be implemented Alternative D will utilize commercial and noncommercial timber harvest to provide early successional wildlife habitat, improve forest health, diversify age class distribution and restore forest communities. Connected and associated actions such as site preparation, release of mast-producing trees from competition, repair and maintenance of system roads, temporary and new road construction, providing water sources for wildlife, providing wildlife habitat structures, prescribed burning, restoration of wetland habitat, and decommissioning and authorizing existing roads are also part of this analysis. The proposed project or activity is subject to the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The EA and draft DN/FONSI are available at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41477. The documents are available for review at 4900 Asheville Hwy, Greeneville, TN 37743. Additional information can be obtained from: Jonathan Lampley at the above address, by phone at (423)783-2416, and/or by email at jlampley@fs.fed.us. How to Object and Timeframe The opportunity to object ends 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Greeneville Sun. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by another other source. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities ?218.8(c). The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in ?218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in ?218.8(b). It is the objector??s responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process. Written objections, including attachments, must be filed with: Stephanie Medlin, Cherokee National Forest, 2800 Ocoee Street, Cleveland, TN, 37312, or by phone at (423) 476-9700. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to: Objections-southern-chokeee@fs.fed.us. Please state "Paint Creek Project" in the subject line when providing electronic objections, or on the envelope when replying by mail. 11/23/15

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